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Our next association will convene with Baptist Union church, two miles east of Atoway, Va., beginning on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1909, Elder A. J. Bolt to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. J. O. Burchett, alternate.

MEMOIRS

—OF THE—

CONVENTION

—OF THE—

Bulgarian Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Hopedale Union Baptist Church,

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, IN THE

Township of Tuscarawas, O.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Eld. J. O. Burchett,	-	Atkins, Va.
Eld. A. J. Bolt,	-	Seven Mile Ford, Va.
Eld. W. M. Forister,	-	Atkins, Va.
Eld. J. N. Johnson,	-	Fairwood, Va.
Eld. N. W. Wade,	-	Atkins, Va.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Baptist Union – Revs. J. O. Burchett, N. W. Wade, Wm. Forister; Bros. T. E. Parsons, J. W. Parsons, L. W. Andrews.

Mountain View—Bros. W. H. Brooks, S. B. Brooks, John Smith.

Valley View---Bros. W. B. Heath, J. H. Bailey, N. A. Kell.

Zion—Rev. A. J. Bolt, Bros. W. M. Lee, N. C. Dean, Jas. Hampton.

PROCEEDINGS

Mountain View, Valley View, Baptist Union and Zion Baptist churches met at Mountain View Baptist church in convention. First sermon by Eld. W. B. Wyatt, text: 1st. Peter, 5th chapter and 10th verse, "But the God of all Grace," etc.

(a) Took five minutes intermission.

(b) Called to order by W. B. Wyatt, one of the Presbytery from the Mountain Union Baptist association.

(c) Prayer by Eld. A. J. Bolt.

(d) The above named churches being found in gospel order and presenting letter certifying their delegates, and being ready, they organized into an association. The proceeded by:

1 Electing Eld. J. O. Burchett, Moderator, and W. B. Heath, Clerk, Bros. Hugh Watson and J. H. Hays acting as tellers.

2 Called for associational letters. Baptist Union, Mountain View, Valley View and Zion presented letters and they were read by the clerk.

3 That we be known by the name of the Holston Baptist association, and adopted the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith of the Mountain Union Baptist association.

4 That we invite visiting brethren of our faith and practice to seats with us. Rev. W. B. Wyatt, from the Mountain Union Baptist association and Bros. J. H. Hays from Valley View church and J. E. Watson from the Mountain View church.

5 That the Moderator make all temporary appointments for this session. He then appointed the following committees, viz:

(a) On Arrangements, Rev. A. J. Bolt, Bros. J. H. Riley, Thos. Parsons, N. A. Kell and Smyth Brooks, with the Moderator, clerk and visiting brethren added.

(b) On Finance, Bros. John Smith, W. H. Brooks and Jesse Parsons.

(c) On Sabbath Schools, Elds. N. W. Wade, W. M. Forister, and Bro. L. W. Anderson.

(d) On Ministry, Bros. J. H. Riley, Thomas Parsons, and N. A. Kell, with delegates of Mountain View church.

(e) On Intemperance, Revs. N. W. Wade, A. J. Bolt, and L. W. Andrews.

6 The Committee on Ministry report for preaching Saturday, first, Rev. A. J. Bolt, at 11 o'clock, and Rev. W. B. Wyatt at 2 o'clock.

7 That we adjourn till Saturday morning, 9 o'clock and spend one-half hour in devotional exercises, song by Rev. W. B. Wyatt, prayer by W. M. Forister, benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 1908—9:30 o'clock.

The body met, spent one-half hour in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. M. Forister, was then called to order by the Moderator.

1 Called on Clerk to read roll of delegates and mark absentees.

2 The Committee on Arrangements report. Report received.

3 Read aad adopted the minutes of Friday.

4 Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

5 Report on Sabbath School. Remarks by Revs. N. W. Wade, W. B. Wyatt, J. O. Burchett and A. J. Bolt. Report adopted, viz:

We your committee on Sabbath Schools do recommend and advise all our churches in the bounds of the Holston Baptist association to organize and hold Sabbath Schools. We consider them beneficial te our children, using within them the Holy Bible and Testament.—N. W. Wade, Chairman.

6 The Committee on Finance report from the churches $8.22. Report received.

7 Report on Intemperance. Remarks by Revs. N. W. Wade and W. B. Wyatt. Report received, viz:

We your committee on Intemperance submit the following report: We advise all the churches to strictly deal with any member or members who in any way aid or abet in making or in the sale of intoxicating drinks, as we believe it to be a destructive evil. We further advise our association to withdraw from any church that holds members in fellowship that drink to excess.—N. W. Wade, Chairman.

8 Appointed a Committee on Obituaries for the ensuing year, Rev. N. W. Wade, Bros. W. B Heath and W. M. Lee.

9 Appointed our next association to convene with Baptist Union church, two miles east of Ataway, Va., beginning on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1909, with Rev. A. J. Bolt to preach the introductory sermon and Rev, J. O. Burchett, alternate.

10 Appointed the Clerk Treasurer and four churches agree to pay the clerk one dollar each for his services.

11 Report on the Ministry for Sabbath, first, Rev. W B. Wyatt; second, Rev. A. J. Bolt; third, Rev. J. O. Burchett.

12 Report of Resolutions received, viz:

RESOLUTIONS.

1 Resolved, That the ministers of this association earnestly contend for the doctrine and practices taught in the Holy Bible.

2 Resolved, That the churches heartily cooperate with the ministry in their work and attend their respective church meetings.

3 Resolved, That the ministers of this body associate and cooperate with each other in protracted and revival services, and also in evangelistic work for the cause of Christ and good of our body.

4 Resolved, That this association do return thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their liberal support and hospitality during this association. Submitted by Rev. W. B. Wyatt.

13 Minutes of the day read and received.

14 Adjourn to time and place of our next association, prayer by Rev. W. B. Wyatt, benediction by the Moderator.

REV. J. O. BURCHETT, Moderator.
W. B. HEATH, Clerk.

Sunday morning, Nov. 1, 1908.

Services opened by singing and prayer by Rev. W. M. Forister, sermon by Rev. J. O. Burchett, text: Isaiah 45th chapter and 22nd verse—"Look unto me all ye ends of the earth," etc. This closed our first session of the Holston Baptist association with a handshake and visible moving of the Spirit of God on the hearts of the people, may peace and the blessing of the Great Head of the church attend us. Amen.

Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1 This Association shall be known by the name of the Holston Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent the association, who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates of the lay members and their ordained ministers shall be standing delegates, in their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead since last association.

2 The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any eclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in our union.

3 The association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4 The association shall have a moderator and secretary who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5 New churches, or regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ, of our faith and practice, in good standing, either dismissed by letter from sister associations, or by application, by sending up letter and delegates, shall be admitted to the union.

6 Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

7 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8 The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future association.

9 We think it necessary to have an associational fund to defray the expenses of the association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they may think proper to the association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, who shall be accountable to the association for the same, and the association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10 There shall be an associational book wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11 The minutes or the association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

12 Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the association when they deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13 The association shall act as an advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, also to preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14 The association may inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the association.

15 The association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

16 The association may correspond with sister associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and practice, to a seat in our association, who may be present at the time of sitting.

17 The association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place as it may think proper.

18 The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1 The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech

by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

4 He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light of ideas.

5 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from the body for his absence.

6 No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the association.

7 No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8 No member of the association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

9 The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violate the rules of this decorum.

10 The names of members of the association shall be enrolled by the secretary and called over as often as the association shall request.

11 The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but he shall not vote unless the association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12 Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the association as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1 We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4 We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

5 We believe that sinners are called, converted regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7 We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper, and feetwashing are ordinances of Jesus Christ. and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a genesal judgment and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

9 We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors and Post Offices	Clerks and Post Offices	Conferences	Sat	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'dby exp and baptism	Rec'd by letter	Received by application	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Deceased	Excluded	Number in Fellowship
Baptist Union	J. O. Burchett, Adkins, Va	L. W. Andrews, Adkins, Va	4	3			13	6	14					33
Mountain View	J. O. Burchett, Adkins, Va	W. H. Brooks, Fairwood, Va	3	1					0					39
Valley View	J. O. Burchett, Adkins, Va	W. B. Heath, 7-Mile-Ford, "	2	0					3			1	1	15
Zion	J. O. Burchett, Adkins, Va	T. S. Lovelace, Marion, "	1	1					0					43
											Total			130

Baptist Union gave to Minute Fund $2.00; Mountain View $2.15; Valley View $2.25; Zion $1.40. Total, $7.80.